

## Project Summary

Provide a summary (one-page maximum) that describes key elements of the project and states the total project cost.

Please type here: The Plumas County Fire Safe Council (PC FSC) seeks to expand our educational efforts and conduct from 6-8 community meetings or workshops in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative Extension, US Forest Service (Plumas & Lassen National Forests') and California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Butte & Lassen Ranger Units').

PC FSC's mission is, "To reduce the loss of both natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities". Our Council supports numerous rural communities within the County, most of which have either a small volunteer fire department or (on about 20% of the private land base) no organized fire protection. The majority of wildfire protection in Plumas County is provided by the Plumas NF under agreement with CAL Fire. The County's CWPP, which the Board of Supervisor approved in April of 2005, identifies 61 "communities at risk" of fire originating on public lands is 66% of the County is comprised of public lands.

Plumas County experiences about 150 wildland fires per year, a number of which are multiple ignition events caused by lightning. Plumas NF records, covering much of the County, show wildfires burning 12,000 acres per year, most by catastrophic stand-replacing fires. In 2007 more than 100 fires have burned 100,000 acres.

Project Tasks Include:

- 1) Conducting community presentations and Firewise & Fire Safe workshops - Educational meetings and workshops will focus on the concepts of home and community survival from wildfire. Six to eight Workshops will target Plumas County citizens, homeowners' developers, builders, architects and businesses on home survivability, defensible space, & community hazardous fuel reduction. Workshops will provide educational information and materials which support the presentations. Material will include preventing home ignitions (including structural design information as well as homeowner information), California's new Fire Safe Building Standards in the Wildland Urban Interface, creating and maintaining effective defensible space (including case histories), reducing hazardous fuels to protect the forests adjacent to and within our communities (including success stories).
- 2) Enhancing and maintaining PC FSC's website ([www.plumasfiresafe.org](http://www.plumasfiresafe.org)). Our website will be broadened with additional educational information for our citizens to include self paced slide shows for key aspects of our fire prevention messages. Some of the subjects to be expanded include: protecting homes & communities in a wildfire, homeowner responsibilities in protecting your home before a wildfire. Additionally information and links may be added which further our mission.

Total estimated cost for this project is \$56,000 of which \$28,000 (50%) is cash match.